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1. Calpine, H. C. et al., *Some Properties of Pareto-optimal Choices in Decision Problems*, The Int. Jl. of Mgmt. Sci., Vol. 4, No. 2, 1976.

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